

Baja TT Dehesa Extremadura

14 – 16 April 2023



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To:	Competitor No 256 – ESC. JMP RACING Crew: Victor VERDU / Alfonso Vicente DE MIGUEL		
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The Stewards, having received a verbal report from the Clerk of the Course, a request for investigation and data from the tracking system, having examined the documents, summoned, and heard the team representative, Mr. Antonio Naranjo, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: In SS 1 at approx. 11.27 hrs Car # 256 had a head-on collision with car # 254

Offence: Breach of Art. 27.1.2 of the 2021 Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations (CCRSR) Unsafe act according to Art. 12.2.1.h of the FIA International Sporting Code (Code)

Decision: (1) **Disqualification from the event.**
(2) **A fine of 1.000 €**

In accordance with Article 12.8 FIA International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines must be done online, within 48 hours of their notification, at the following address: <https://fiafines.fia.com>. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason: The competitor's representative explained they feel deeply sorry about what happened. He explains that the co-driver had got the impression that he was lost and wanted to get back to the last intersection. He had the feeling that he was not on the rally route anymore, thus, he could go the opposite direction of the road.

The data from the tracking system show, that # 256 at approx. 31 km in SS 1 was turning around and driving back on the same road which it was coming. After approx. 300m driving in opposite direction of the SS they collided with car # 254 head-on. The driver of # 256 was insured and was brought to the hospital. Both cars were damaged substantially and must retire from the event.

In the CCRSR is clearly written that the crews must always drive in the direction of the Selective Section. In cases a crew must go back for any reason, should never use the track, rather going off-track. This is an important safety rule to avoid accidents and even more important, injuries of the drivers. The Stewards concluded that by driving in opposite direction on the track of SS 1 the crew of car # 256 obviously caused the accident. Furthermore, an unsafe act or failure to take reasonable measures, thus resulting in an unsafe situation is breach of the Code.

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The Stewards consider the behaviour of the crew of car # 256 as a profoundly serious infringement of the regulation and decided that the adequate penalty must be the disqualification from the event. However, since the crew has retired already the Stewards conclude that in addition a fine is adequate.

The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, art.11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, Art 12.4.1.c.; Art. 12.4.1.m and 12.4.6.

Competitors are reminded of their right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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Uwe M. SCHMIDT (DEU)
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

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Antonio MEDEIROS (PRT)
FIA Steward

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VIRGINIA GÓMEZ
ASN Steward

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